

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 4.(currently amended). A railroad grade crossing assembly as
2 recited in claim 1, further comprising means for electronically
3 monitoring at least one of usage and ~~and/or~~ status of the assembly.

1 7. A railroad grade crossing assembly as recited in claim 1,
2 further comprising one or more cameras for visually monitoring at
3 least one of the assembly and ~~and/or~~ the area around the assembly.

1 10.(currently amended) A railroad grade crossing assembly for
2 blocking access across a railroad crossing, comprising:

3 gate means connectable to a stanchion and movable between a
4 generally upright position to permit access across the railroad
5 crossing and a generally horizontal position for blocking access
6 across the railroad crossing; and

7 telescopic arm means incorporated into said gate means for
8 selectively ~~automatically completely~~ closing and opening the
9 railroad crossing in response to a signal ~~when said gate means is~~
10 ~~in said generally horizontal position~~, said telescopic arm means
11 being movably incorporated within said gate means and being
12 selectively operable according to said signal to extend from said
13 gate means each time said crossing assembly is to block access
14 across said crossing and retracts according to said signal each
15 time said crossing assembly is to permit access across said
16 crossing; and

17 programmable electronic means for controlling operation at

18 least one of said gate means and said telescopic arm means, wherein
19 said programmable electronic means provides said signal.

1 13.(currently amended) A railroad grade crossing assembly as
2 recited in claim 10, further comprising means for electronically
3 monitoring at least one of usage and ~~and/or~~ status of the assembly.

1 16.(currently amended) A railroad grade crossing assembly as
2 recited in claim 13, further comprising one or more cameras for
3 visually monitoring at least one of the assembly and ~~and/or~~ the
4 area around assembly.

1 17.(currently amended) A railroad grade crossing assembly as
2 recited in claim 10, wherein at least one of said gate means and
3 ~~and/or~~ said telescopic arm means includes lights that incorporate
4 a bulletproof material.

1 18.(currently amended) A railroad grade crossing assembly as
2 recited in claim 10, wherein at least one of said gate means and
3 ~~and/or~~ said telescopic arm means includes lights and a bulletproof
4 covering for protecting said lights.